

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/751,772	SELKIRK ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
Susan Y Chen		2161	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to appeal brief filed on 11/29/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-15,17-22,24-28 and 30-32.
3. The drawings filed on 06/25/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the appeal brief filed on 11/29/2004.

Claims on appeal are: 12-15, 17-22, 24-28 and 30-32.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-10 of instant appeal brief, filed on 11/29/2004, with respect to the provisional application 60/212,260 of U.S. Patent No. 6,532,527 issued to Selkirk et al. have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 12-15, 17-22 24-28 and 30-32 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-15, 17-22, 24-28 and 30-32 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 12, 19, 26 and 32 are allowable because the prior art on record or that encountered in searching for the invention, fails to disclose or suggest the features of instant invention – generating a hierarchical data structure in a primary storage device to includes a plurality of layers arranged to a correlation scheme, wherein, each data

entry in the lowest layer of the hierarchical structure corresponds to both a virtual address range in the virtual address space and a physical data block in the at least one data storage device, wherein each data entry contained within the primary storage corresponds to a virtual address range that is currently occupied with stored data, such that none of the data entries corresponds to only unused physical storage; and each physical data block in the at least one o the storage device contains virtual address information that identifies at least one corresponding location in the virtual address space for that physical data block; and at least some of the data entries in each layer represent virtual address ranges of a homogeneous size corresponding to that layer.

Claims 13-15, 18-22, 23-28 and 30-31 respectively depend on claims 12, 19 and 26 therefore are also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susan Y Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-4016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 571-272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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